

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket No.
45/1267US

In Re Application Of: Shapiro, et al

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Application No.
10/748,710

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Invention: Payment Systems and Methods for Earning Incentives Using at Least Two Financial Instruments

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 05/07/2004 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

- One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: July 7, 2004
Date

until: October 7, 2004
Date

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$490 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
 - The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. _____
 - If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. _____
 - Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: 10/01/2004

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